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FRIGHTENED--AND WITH GOOD REASON

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2. SUMMARY. AS OF 1100 LOCAL, EMBASSY VANS HAD PICKED UP SOME 220 US CITIZENS OVER THE LAST FOUR DAYS AND DELIVERED THEM TO THE AIRPORT. THIS MORNING'S UNITED AIRLINES CHARTER LEFT AT 1210 WITH PASSENGERS DIVIDED ROUGHLY 50-50 BETWEEN EMBASSY DEPENDENTS AND OTHER AMERICAN CITIZENS. WE HAVE CLEARED ALMOST ALL AMCITS WHO WANT TO GO OUT OF THE MAJOR JOINT VENTURE HOTELS, MOST OF THE ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS, AND OTHER LOCATIONS. THE UN HAS CUT TO SKELETAL STAFF. ECONOFFS VIEWED THE CENTER OF THE CITY AT APPROXIMATELY 1500 LOCAL. TANKS LINED UP EIGHT ABREAST BLOCKED ENTRY TO TIANANMEN SQUARE AND ARMED SOLDIERS WERE LINED UP FIVE FEET APART ON THE SQUARE TO PREVENT ENTRY. THE AUTHORITIES ARE BEGINNING TO CLEAR UP SOME OF THE BURNED, TWISTED WRECKS THROUGHOUT THE CITY, AND SOME CITY SERVICES HAVE RETURNED: EMBOFFS SAW A FEW CITY BUSES RUNNING, GAS STATIONS ARE NOW OPEN AGAIN, TRAFFIC POLICEMEN ARE IN EVIDENCE AGAIN, AND VEGETABLES ARE AVAILABLE ON THE STREET. THE CITY IS NOT/NOT RETURNING TO NORMAL, HOWEVER. CHINESE ON THE STREETS TELL US THAT THEY ARE STILL FRIGHTENED. TROOPS ARE STILL RIDING IN TRUCKS WITH WEAPONS IN THE READY POSITION. THERE IS STILL SCATTERED CONFIDENTIAL

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GUNFIRE IN THE CITY. WE HAVE FRAGMENTARY EVIDENCE THAT THE AUTHORITIES ARE MOVING TO ROUND UP DISSIDENTS. IN SHANGHAI, STREETS WERE CALM THIS MORNING. THE EVACUATION IS GOING SMOOTHLY THERE. CHENGDU WAS QUIET AS OF 1130. US PERSONNEL WORKING FOR MCDONNELL DOUGLAS AND BRIGGS AND STRATTON IN CHENGDU AND CHONGQING RESPECTIVELY HAVE DEPARTED CHINA. END SUMMARY.

EVACUATION OF AMERICANS RESIDENT IN BEIJING

3. AS OF 1100 HOURS LOCAL, EMBASSY VANS HAD PICKED UP SOME 220 U.S. CITIZENS OVER THE LAST FOUR DAYS AND DELIVERED THEM TO THE AIRPORT. WE HAVE VISITED ALL MAJOR UNIVERSITIES IN BEIJING AS WELL AS OTHER LOCATIONS WHERE THERE WERE LARGE NUMBERS OF U.S. CITIZENS. EVEN AS LATE AS THIS MORNING, MANY AMERICANS DO NOT WISH TO LEAVE BEIJING FOR PERSONAL REASONS (E.G., BOYFRIENDS/GIRLFRIENDS WHO ARE NOT LEAVING) OR BECAUSE THEY DO NOT BELIEVE THEY ARE IN DANGER. OF THE 65-70 LONG-TERM U.S. RESIDENTS OF THE FRIENDSHIP HOTEL, FOR EXAMPLE, ONLY 7 OR 8 DESIRED TO LEAVE, ACCORDING TO A RESIDENT OF THE HOTEL. ABOUT 25 AMCITS AT THE BEIJING LANGUAGE INSTITUTE BOOKED THEIR OWN VAN AND MADE THEIR WAY TO

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THE AIRPORT THIS MORNING. AT 1440 HOURS EMBASSY RECEIVED YET ANOTHER REQUEST FOR PICK-UP AT THE BEIJING LANGUAGE INSTITUTE AND FRIENDSHIP HOTEL; WE HAVE SENT OUT ANOTHER VAN.

4. CITY BUSES WERE SIGHTED MAKING RUNS TO THE AIRPORT AND THE LIDO AND OLYMPIC HOTELS HAVE SHUTTLES TO THE AIRPORT AS WELL. FORTUNATELY, BY 1500 HOURS, GAS SUPPLIES WERE ONCE AGAIN AVAILABLE

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TO FOREIGNERS. EARLIER IN THE DAY, ALL GAS STATIONS WERE CLOSED, WITH A FEW GUARDED BY TROOPS OR PEOPLE'S ARMED POLICE, AND ALL EMBASSY VEHICLES WERE DANGEROUSLY LOW ON FUEL.

5. CONSULAR SECTION JUDGES THAT MOST AMERICAN CITIZENS WHO WANT TO LEAVE BEIJING HAVE ALREADY LEFT OR ARE IN THE PROCESS OF DOING SO. PERHAPS AS MANY AS ONE-HALF OR MORE OF ALL AMERICANS WHO WISHED TO LEAVE DID SO ON THEIR OWN.

6. PASSENGERS ON THIS MORNING'S UNITED CHARTER (DEPARTED AT 12:10) WERE SPLIT APPROXIMATELY 50-50 BETWEEN EMBASSY DEPENDENTS AND OTHER AMERICAN CITIZENS. WE WERE ABLE TO CLEAR EVERY AMERICAN AT THE AIRPORT WHO WANTED TO GET OUT TO TOKYO AND ACCEPTED SOME THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS AS WELL. A FEW AMERICANS WANTED TO GO TO OTHER DESTINATIONS (HONG KONG OR BANGKOK) AND WERE WAITING FOR OTHER COMMERCIAL OR CHARTER FLIGHTS. BY EARLY AFTERNOON THE EMBASSY HAD CLEARED ALL AMCITS WANTING TO LEAVE OUT OF THE KUNLUN, GREAT WALL, LIDO, JINGLUN, AND JIANGUO HOTELS.

STATUS OF UNITED NATIONS PERSONNEL IN BEIJING

7. THE UNITED NATIONS HAS EVACUATED ALL DEPENDENTS AND NON-ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL, A TOTAL OF 119 PERSONS,
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LAST NIGHT AND TODAY, INCLUDING SOME AMCITS. THEY ARE DOWN TO 17 CORE PERSONS AND WOULD HAVE AN ADDITIONAL 20-25 PEOPLE TO GET OUT IN THE CASE OF A FULL EVACUATION.

SITUATION ON BEIJING STREETS AND TIANANMEN SQUARE

8. WHILE SEARCHING FOR A SOURCE OF GASOLINE, ECONOFFS WERE ABLE TO CONDUCT TWO FAIRLY EXTENSIVE SURVEYS OF THE CENTER CITY, ENDING ABOUT 1500. IN THE EARLY AFTERNOON, THEY WERE ABLE TO DRIVE DOWN CHANGAN JIE TO JUST WEST OF THE BEIJING HOTEL BEFORE A TRAFFIC POLICEMAN INDICATED HE HAD TO TURN NORTH OR SOUTH; TIANANMEN SQUARE REMAINS CORDONED OFF. THERE ARE STILL SOME BURNED OUT TRUCKS NEAR THE BEIJING HOTEL AND THE STREET IS TORN UP FROM TANK AND APC MOVEMENT. CREWS WERE WORKING TO CLEAR THE AREA BY THE HOTEL, WHERE BANNERS ARE STREAMING FROM THE ROOFTOP WITH SLOGANS UPHOLDING THE FOUR CARDINAL PRINCIPLES AND WISHING LONG LIFE TO THE "GREAT, GLORIOUS, AND CORRECT CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY." CHAOYANG STREET WAS CLEAR FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTRY TO AT LEAST THE NORTH SIDE OF ZHONGNANHAI. THE USUAL COMPLEMENT OF GUARDS WAS POSTED AT NORTH AND WEST ENTRANCES TO THE LEADERSHIP COMPOUND. THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE SECOND RING ROAD WAS CLEAR, INCLUDING THROUGH PAST CHONGWENMEN TO QIANMEN SOUTH OF TIANANMEN SQUARE. TANKS LINED UP EIGHT ABREAST BLOCKED ENTRY TO THE SQUARE ON EACH BORDERING STREET. THE WEST SIDE OF THE SQUARE BY THE GREAT HALL OF THE PEOPLE APPEARED CLEAR OF TROOPS, WHILE ON THE EAST SIDE BY THE MUSEUM ABOUT 200 YARDS BEHIND THE TANKS WERE SEVERAL TROOP TRUCKS. SUPPLY TRUCKS WERE OBSERVED PARKED IN THE SQUARE NORTH OF

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MAO'S MAUSOLEUM, AND PEOPLE WERE TALKING WITH TROOPS
ON THE SOUTH END. THE CAPITAL HOTEL IS BLOCKADED BY
FENCES.

9. ALTHOUGH BURNED-OUT VEHICLES WHICH HAVE BEEN IN
MANY INTERSECTIONS NEAR THE SQUARE SINCE SUNDAY HAVE
GRADUALLY BEEN HAULED OFF TO SIDE STREETS OR PARKING
AREAS, AT LEAST SEVEN TWISTED, BURNED-OUT BUSES

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PARTIALLY BLOCK THE MAJOR INTERSECTION OF XIDAN AND CHANGANJIE, SITE OF SOME OF THE HEAVIEST FIGHTING LAST WEEKEND. CREWS WERE MOVING IN TO BEGIN PULLING THE WRECKAGE APART, BUT VEHICLES REMAIN CRUSHED AROUND LIGHT POLES AND UP AGAINST STOREFRONTS. A NARROW OPEN LANE THROUGH THE INTERSECTION WAS CROWDED WITH BICYCLISTS AND ONLOOKERS. CONTINUING EAST, THE FUXINGMEN INTERSECTION AT CHANGAN HAD A HEAVY MILITARY PRESENCE WITH TROOPS AND PLA TRUCKS. WHEREAS EARLIER IN THE AFTERNOON THERE WAS NO REACTION TO EMBOFF'S PRESENCE IN THE AREA OF THE BEIJING HOTEL AND CHANGAN JIE, BY MID-AFTERNOON THE PAP APPEARED UNHAPPY THAT EMBASSY CAR WAS THERE AND WAVED IT THROUGH QUICKLY. CHANGAN JIE INTERSECTIONS WERE BLOCKED BY PEOPLE'S ARMED POLICE AND TROOPS WERE MARCHING WEST TOWARDS THE SQUARE, BLOCKING CAR PASSAGE FROM THE WEST.

10. THE TRAIN STATION APPEARED TO BE FUNCTIONING NORMALLY WITH NO TROOPS VISIBLE OUTSIDE. TAXIS AND CONFIDENTIAL

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PEDICABS WERE PLENTIFUL AT THE STATION AND PEDICABS WERE CARTING OFF FOOD BROUGHT IN BY TRAIN. A FEW INDEPENDENT VEGETABLE STANDS WERE OPEN BUT THERE WERE NO LINES FOR FOOD. AT DONGDAN AND CHONGWENMEN THERE WERE LARGE GROUPS OF SOLDIERS TALKING WITH PEOPLE AND THE SITUATION DID NOT APPEAR TENSE. PLA TRUCKS CONTINUE TO BLOCK THE SECOND RING ROAD AT JIANGUOMENWAI, HOWEVER, THE TANKS HAVE BEEN REMOVED AND THERE WAS FREE PASSAGE VIA THE ACCESS RAMPS. TROOPS WERE GENERALLY IN GROUPS OF ABOUT 30 WITH TWO ARMED SOLDIERS IN FRONT AND BACK; THE REST APPEAR UNARMED. THEY ARE YOUNG, WEARING FRESH CLEAN UNIFORMS, AND ON FOOT.

11. TRAFFIC POLICE WERE OUT AT MOST INTERSECTIONS, AND BICYCLE TRAFFIC WAS CLOSE TO NORMAL LEVELS, ALTHOUGH FEW VEHICLES WERE ON THE ROADS. DONGDAQIAO, THE MAIN NORTH-SOUTH ROAD NEAR THE EMBASSY ON THE WAY TO THE AIRPORT WAS CLEARED OF BUS BLOCKADES.

12. CHINESE ARE STILL FRIGHTENED

DESPITE THE SIGNS OF A CITY RETURNING TO SOME SEMBLANCE OF NORMAL FUNCTIONS, CHINESE ON THE STREETS REMAIN FRIGHTENED JUNE 8. TROOP TRUCKS WERE IN EVIDENCE THROUGHOUT THE MORNING AND EARLY AFTERNOON HOURS. EMBOFFS WHO WERE OUT ON THE

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STREETS FERRING AMCITS TO THE AIRPORT SAW THREE TRUCKS WITH SOLDIERS STANDING SHOULDER TO SHOULDER IN THE BACK, AUTOMATIC WEAPONS LEVEL IN FIRING POSITION. IN CONTRAST TO YESTERDAY, HOWEVER, THEY WERE NOT/NOT FIRING THEIR WEAPONS TO CLEAR

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INTERSECTIONS IN THEIR PATHS. A CONVOY OF OVER ONE-HUNDRED MILITARY TRUCKS WHICH WERE APPARENTLY FILLED WITH SUPPLIES OF VARIOUS SORTS PASSED THE JIANGUO AND JINGLUN JUST AS AN EMBOFF WAS PICKING (UP5 (-Q/NQ)VUQFTD-IT"MO J6MQQKE,S AT ABOUT 0745. THE SUPPLIES APPARENTLY INCLUDED FOOD, WOOD FRAMING AND CANVAS, A TANKER TRUCK, AND DRUMS.

13. AT NOON, AN EMBOFF SAW 300 TROOPS WALK PAST THE JIANGUOMENWAI DIPLOMATIC COMPOUND, HEADING SOUTH ON THE SECOND RING ROAD. THE SOLDIERS POINTED THEIR WEAPONS UP AT COMPOUND BUILDING TWO AS THEY PASSED. THEY THEN WALKED SOUTH, UP ONTO THE OVERPASS, AND CONTINUED EAST TOWARD THE CITIC BUILDING.

14. ROUNDING UP DISSIDENTS

WE HAVE FRAGMENTARY EVIDENCE THAT THE AUTHORITIES ARE SWEEPING THE BACK ALLEYWAYS TO QUIETLY PICK UP INDIVIDUALS FOR QUESTIONING AND POSSIBLY ARREST. TODAY A CONTACT TOLD POLOFF OF THE DISAPPEARANCE OF TWO INTELLECTUALS.

SHANGHAI SITUATION

15. IN AN 0900 HOURS LOCAL TELEPHONE CALL, CG SYLVESTER SAID THAT THE EVACUATION FROM SHANGHAI WAS CONFIDENTIAL

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GOING SMOOTHLY AND THAT THE CITY'S U.S. CITIZENS AND CONSULATE DEPENDENTS WOULD SOON BE AT THE AIRPORT WAITING FOR THE UNITED FLIGHT.

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16. STREETS WERE CALM THIS MORNING. FEWER BARRICADES WERE UP, BUT PUBLIC TRANSPORT WAS STILL NON-EXISTENT. SHANGHAI NEWSPAPERS ON JUNE 7 STATED THAT SHANGHAI FACTORIES WERE REPORTING A 50 PERCENT ABSENTEE RATE. CG SYLVESTER SAID THAT HE THOUGHT THAT THOSE WORKERS WHO DO REPORT FOR WORK ARE NOT DOING MUCH. THERE IS SOME TALK OF A STRIKE, BUT NOTHING SOLID SO FAR.

17. A COUPLE OF INTELLECTUAL CONTACTS WITH WHOM SYLVESTER HAS SPOKEN ARE GLOOMY ABOUT THE FUTURE. THEY BELIEVE THE ONLY HOPE IS FOR ZHAO'S RETURN, ALONG WITH MORE RATIONAL MILITARY LEADERSHIP. THIS IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY, ACCORDING TO THE CONTACTS.

CHANGCHUN SITUATION

18. [REDACTED] IN CHANGCHUN, THE CAPITAL OF JILIN PROVINCE, CALLED EMBOFF JUNE 8 TO REPORT THAT SOME THIRTY THOUSAND WORKERS HELD A DEMONSTRATION THE NIGHT OF JUNE 7. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE CITY'S MAIN TEXTILE MILL AND THE NUMBER ONE AUTOMOBILE FACTORY WERE BOTH ON STRIKE ON JUNE 8.

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ALLEGED CHENGDU INCIDENT

19. U.S. MEDIA APPARENTLY REPORTED AN ALLEGED INCIDENT IN THE LAST COUPLE OF DAYS IN WHICH AN AMERICAN CITIZEN CLAIMED TO HAVE BEEN TURNED AWAY FROM THE U.S. CONSULATE IN CHENGDU. CONSUL GENERAL DE WILDE REPORTS THAT THERE IS NO TRUTH TO THIS

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STORY AND HE AND OTHER CONSULATE PERSONNEL ARE MYSTIFIED ABOUT ITS ORIGIN. HE REPORTS THAT THE CONSULATE, IN SPITE OF RECENT RIOTS, HAS BEEN ESPECIALLY RESPONSIVE TO ALL AMERICANS IN RECENT DAYS.

SITUATION IN CHENGDU

20. CONSULATE GENERAL CHENGDU REPORTED THAT THE CITY WAS QUIET AS OF 1130. THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF TROOPS OR DISTURBANCES. U.S. PERSONNEL WORKING FOR MCDONNELL DOUGLAS AND BRIGGS AND STRATTON IN CHENGDU AND CHONGQING RESPECTIVELY HAVE DEPARTED CHINA.

21. THE AMBASSADOR WAS ON HAND TO BID FAREWELL TO DEPARTING DEPENDENTS AND OTHER AMERICANS AS THE UA CHARTER FLIGHT LEFT TODAY. USIS TAPEDED HIS REMARKS AND PASSED TAPE TO 4 NETS AND VOA. IN FRONT OF THE TERMINAL AND INSIDE IT AT THE MAKESHIFT UA "AMERICAN EMBASSY CHARTER" COUNTER, HE GAVE THREE INTERVIEWS TO TV NETWORKS, RADIO AND PRINT CORRESPONDENTS, TOTALING ABOUT 25 MINUTES. THESE DEALT WITH FACTS OF THE EVACUATION AND EFFORTS MADE BY ACS PERSONNEL AND OTHER EMBASSY OFFICERS TO ASSIST AMCITS. THE AMBASSADOR BASED HIS REMARKS ON A USIS FACT SHEET (SEPTEL). THERE WEREINEVITABLE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE MILITARY AND POLITICAL SITUATIONS--THESE GOT LOW-KEY RESPONSES. FULL TRANSCRIPTION OF THE 3 INTERVIEWS

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2. SUMMARY. AS OF 1100 LOCAL, EMBASSY VANS HAD PICKED UP SOME 220 US CITIZENS OVER THE LAST FOUR DAYS AND DELIVERED THEM TO THE AIRPORT. THIS MORNING'S UNITED AIRLINES CHARTER LEFT AT 1210 WITH PASSENGERS DIVIDED ROUGHLY 50-50 BETWEEN EMBASSY DEPENDENTS AND OTHER AMERICAN CITIZENS. WE HAVE CLEARED ALMOST ALL AMCITS WHO WANT TO GO OUT OF THE MAJOR JOINT VENTURE HOTELS, MOST OF THE ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS, AND OTHER LOCATIONS. THE UN HAS CUT TO SKELETAL STAFF. ECONOFFS VIEWED THE CENTER OF THE CITY AT APPROXIMATELY 1500 LOCAL. TANKS LINED UP EIGHT ABREAST BLOCKED ENTRY TO TIANANMEN SQUARE AND ARMED SOLDIERS WERE LINED UP FIVE FEET APART ON THE SQUARE TO PREVENT ENTRY. THE AUTHORITIES ARE BEGINNING TO CLEAR UP SOME OF THE BURNED, TWISTED WRECKS THROUGHOUT THE CITY, AND SOME CITY SERVICES HAVE RETURNED: EMBOFFS SAW A FEW CITY BUSES RUNNING, GAS STATIONS ARE NOW OPEN AGAIN, TRAFFIC POLICEMEN ARE IN EVIDENCE AGAIN, AND VEGETABLES ARE AVAILABLE ON THE STREET. THE CITY IS NOT/NOT RETURNING TO NORMAL, HOWEVER. CHINESE ON THE STREETS TELL US THAT THEY ARE STILL FRIGHTENED. TROOPS ARE STILL RIDING IN TRUCKS WITH WEAPONS IN THE READY POSITION. THERE IS STILL SCATTERED

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GUNFIRE IN THE CITY. WE HAVE FRAGMENTARY EVIDENCE THAT THE AUTHORITIES ARE MOVING TO ROUND UP DISSIDENTS. IN SHANGHAI, STREETS WERE CALM THIS MORNING. THE EVACUATION IS GOING SMOOTHLY THERE. CHENGDU WAS QUIET AS OF 1130. US PERSONNEL [REDACTED]

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CHINA. END SUMMARY.

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EVACUATION OF AMERICANS RESIDENT IN BEIJING

3. AS OF 1100 HOURS LOCAL, EMBASSY VANS HAD PICKED UP SOME 220 U.S. CITIZENS OVER THE LAST FOUR DAYS AND DELIVERED THEM TO THE AIRPORT. WE HAVE VISITED ALL MAJOR UNIVERSITIES IN BEIJING AS WELL AS OTHER LOCATIONS WHERE THERE WERE LARGE NUMBERS OF U.S. CITIZENS. EVEN AS LATE AS THIS MORNING, MANY AMERICANS DO NOT WISH TO LEAVE BEIJING FOR PERSONAL REASONS (E.G., BOYFRIENDS/GIRLFRIENDS WHO ARE NOT LEAVING) OR BECAUSE THEY DO NOT BELIEVE THEY ARE IN DANGER. OF THE 65-70 LONG-TERM U.S. RESIDENTS OF THE FRIENDSHIP HOTEL, FOR EXAMPLE, ONLY 7 OR 8 DESIRED TO LEAVE, ACCORDING TO A RESIDENT OF THE HOTEL. ABOUT 25 AMCITS AT THE BEIJING LANGUAGE INSTITUTE BOOKED THEIR OWN VAN AND MADE THEIR WAY TO THE AIRPORT THIS MORNING. AT 1440 HOURS EMBASSY

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RECEIVED YET ANOTHER REQUEST FOR PICK-UP AT THE BEIJING LANGUAGE INSTITUTE AND FRIENDSHIP HOTEL; WE HAVE SENT OUT ANOTHER VAN.

4. CITY BUSES WERE SIGHTED MAKING RUNS TO THE AIRPORT AND THE LIDO AND OLYMPIC HOTELS HAVE SHUTTLES TO THE AIRPORT AS WELL. FORTUNATELY, BY 1500 HOURS, GAS SUPPLIES WERE ONCE AGAIN AVAILABLE

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TO FOREIGNERS. EARLIER IN THE DAY, ALL GAS STATIONS
WERE CLOSED, WITH A FEW GUARDED BY TROOPS OR
PEOPLE'S ARMED POLICE, AND ALL EMBASSY VEHICLES WERE
DANGEROUSLY LOW ON FUEL.

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5. CONSULAR SECTION JUDGES THAT MOST AMERICAN CITIZENS WHO WANT TO LEAVE BEIJING HAVE ALREADY LEFT OR ARE IN THE PROCESS OF DOING SO. PERHAPS AS MANY AS ONE-HALF OR MORE OF ALL AMERICANS WHO WISHED TO LEAVE DID SO ON THEIR OWN.

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6. PASSENGERS ON THIS MORNING'S UNITED CHARTER (DEPARTED AT 12:10) WERE SPLIT APPROXIMATELY 50-50 BETWEEN EMBASSY DEPENDENTS AND OTHER AMERICAN CITIZENS. WE WERE ABLE TO CLEAR EVERY AMERICAN AT THE AIRPORT WHO WANTED TO GET OUT TO TOKYO AND ACCEPTED SOME THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS AS WELL. A FEW AMERICANS WANTED TO GO TO OTHER DESTINATIONS (HONG KONG OR BANGKOK) AND WERE WAITING FOR OTHER COMMERCIAL OR CHARTER FLIGHTS. BY EARLY AFTERNOON THE EMBASSY HAD CLEARED ALL AMCITS WANTING TO LEAVE OUT OF THE KUNLUN, GREAT WALL, LIDO, JINGLUN, AND JIANGUO HOTELS.

STATUS OF UNITED NATIONS PERSONNEL IN BEIJING

7. THE UNITED NATIONS HAS EVACUATED ALL DEPENDENTS AND NON-ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL, A TOTAL OF 119 PERSONS,
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LAST NIGHT AND TODAY, INCLUDING SOME AMCITS. THEY ARE DOWN TO 17 CORE PERSONS AND WOULD HAVE AN ADDITIONAL 20-25 PEOPLE TO GET OUT IN THE CASE OF A FULL EVACUATION.

SITUATION ON BEIJING STREETS AND TIANANMEN SQUARE

8. WHILE SEARCHING FOR A SOURCE OF GASOLINE, ECONOFFS WERE ABLE TO CONDUCT TWO FAIRLY EXTENSIVE SURVEYS OF THE CENTER CITY, ENDING ABOUT 1500. IN THE EARLY AFTERNOON, THEY WERE ABLE TO DRIVE DOWN CHANGAN JIE TO JUST WEST OF THE BEIJING HOTEL BEFORE A TRAFFIC POLICEMAN INDICATED HE HAD TO TURN NORTH OR SOUTH; TIANANMEN SQUARE REMAINS CORDONED OFF. THERE ARE STILL SOME BURNED OUT TRUCKS NEAR THE BEIJING HOTEL AND THE STREET IS TORN UP FROM TANK AND APC MOVEMENT. CREWS WERE WORKING TO CLEAR THE AREA BY THE HOTEL, WHERE BANNERS ARE STREAMING FROM THE ROOFTOP WITH SLOGANS UPHOLDING THE FOUR CARDINAL PRINCIPLES AND WISHING LONG LIFE TO THE "GREAT, GLORIOUS, AND CORRECT CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY." CHAOYANG STREET WAS CLEAR FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTRY TO AT LEAST THE NORTH SIDE OF ZHONGNANHAI. THE USUAL COMPLEMENT OF GUARDS WAS POSTED AT NORTH AND WEST ENTRANCES TO THE LEADERSHIP COMPOUND. THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE SECOND RING ROAD WAS CLEAR, INCLUDING THROUGH PAST CHONGWENMEN TO QIANMEN SOUTH OF TIANANMEN SQUARE. TANKS LINED UP EIGHT ABREAST

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BLOCKED ENTRY TO THE SQUARE ON EACH BORDERING STREET. THE WEST SIDE OF THE SQUARE BY THE GREAT HALL OF THE PEOPLE APPEARED CLEAR OF TROOPS, WHILE ON THE EAST SIDE BY THE MUSEUM ABOUT 200 YARDS BEHIND THE TANKS WERE SEVERAL TROOP TRUCKS. SUPPLY TRUCKS WERE OBSERVED PARKED IN THE SQUARE NORTH OF

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MAO'S MAUSOLEUM, AND PEOPLE WERE TALKING WITH TROOPS
ON THE SOUTH END. THE CAPITAL HOTEL IS BLOCKADED BY
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9. ALTHOUGH BURNED-OUT VEHICLES WHICH HAVE BEEN IN MANY INTERSECTIONS NEAR THE SQUARE SINCE SUNDAY HAVE GRADUALLY BEEN HAULED OFF TO SIDE STREETS OR PARKING AREAS, AT LEAST SEVEN TWISTED, BURNED-OUT BUSES PARTIALLY BLOCK THE MAJOR INTERSECTION OF XIDAN AND CHANGAN JIE, SITE OF SOME OF THE HEAVIEST FIGHTING LAST WEEKEND. CREWS WERE MOVING IN TO BEGIN PULLING THE WRECKAGE APART, BUT VEHICLES REMAIN CRUSHED AROUND LIGHT POLES AND UP AGAINST STOREFRONTS. A NARROW OPEN LANE THROUGH THE INTERSECTION WAS CROWDED WITH BICYCLISTS AND ONLOOKERS. CONTINUING EAST, THE FUXINGMEN INTERSECTION AT CHANGAN HAD A HEAVY MILITARY PRESENCE WITH TROOPS AND PLA TRUCKS. WHEREAS EARLIER IN THE AFTERNOON THERE WAS NO REACTION TO EMBOFF'S PRESENCE IN THE AREA OF THE BEIJING HOTEL AND CHANGAN JIE, BY MID-AFTERNOON THE PAP APPEARED UNHAPPY THAT EMBASSY CAR WAS THERE AND WAVED IT THROUGH QUICKLY. CHANGAN JIE INTERSECTIONS WERE BLOCKED BY PEOPLE'S ARMED POLICE AND TROOPS WERE MARCHING WEST TOWARDS THE SQUARE, BLOCKING CAR PASSAGE FROM THE WEST.

10. THE TRAIN STATION APPEARED TO BE FUNCTIONING NORMALLY WITH NO TROOPS VISIBLE OUTSIDE. TAXIS AND
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PEDICABS WERE PLENTIFUL AT THE STATION AND PEDICABS WERE CARTING OFF FOOD BROUGHT IN BY TRAIN. A FEW INDEPENDENT VEGETABLE STANDS WERE OPEN BUT THERE WERE NO LINES FOR FOOD. AT DONGDAN AND CHONGWENMEN THERE WERE LARGE GROUPS OF SOLDIERS TALKING WITH PEOPLE AND THE SITUATION DID NOT APPEAR TENSE. PLA TRUCKS CONTINUE TO BLOCK THE SECOND RING ROAD AT JIANGUOMENWAI, HOWEVER, THE TANKS HAVE BEEN REMOVED AND THERE WAS FREE PASSAGE VIA THE ACCESS RAMPS. TROOPS WERE GENERALLY IN GROUPS OF ABOUT 30 WITH TWO ARMED SOLDIERS IN FRONT AND BACK; THE REST APPEAR UNARMED. THEY ARE YOUNG, WEARING FRESH CLEAN UNIFORMS, AND ON FOOT.

11. TRAFFIC POLICE WERE OUT AT MOST INTERSECTIONS, AND BICYCLE TRAFFIC WAS CLOSE TO NORMAL LEVELS, ALTHOUGH FEW VEHICLES WERE ON THE ROADS. DONGDAQIAO, THE MAIN NORTH-SOUTH ROAD NEAR THE EMBASSY ON THE WAY TO THE AIRPORT WAS CLEARED OF BUS BLOCKADES.

12. CHINESE ARE STILL FRIGHTENED

DESPITE THE SIGNS OF A CITY RETURNING TO SOME SEMBLANCE OF NORMAL FUNCTIONS, CHINESE ON THE

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STREETS REMAIN FRIGHTENED JUNE 8. TROOP TRUCKS WERE IN EVIDENCE THROUGHOUT THE MORNING AND EARLY AFTERNOON HOURS. EMBOFFS WHO WERE OUT ON THE STREETS FERRRYING AMCITS TO THE AIRPORT SAW THREE TRUCKS WITH SOLDIERS STANDING SHOULDER TO SHOULDER IN THE BACK, AUTOMATIC WEAPONS LEVEL IN FIRING POSITION. IN CONTRAST TO YESTERDAY, HOWEVER, THEY WERE NOT/FIRING THEIR WEAPONS TO CLEAR

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INTERSECTIONS IN THEIR PATHS. A CONVOY OF OVER
ONE-HUNDRED MILITARY TRUCKS WHICH WERE APPARENTLY
FILLED WITH SUPPLIES OF VARIOUS SORTS PASSED THE
JIANGUO AND JINGLUN JUST AS AN EMBOFF WAS PICKING(UP5(

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J6MQKE,S AT ABOUT 0745. THE SUPPLIES APPARENTLY INCLUDED FOOD, WOOD FRAMING AND CANVAS, A TANKER TRUCK, AND DRUMS.

13. AT NOON, AN EMBOFF SAW 300 TROOPS WALK PAST THE JIANGUOMENWAI DIPLOMATIC COMPOUND, HEADING SOUTH ON THE SECOND RING ROAD. THE SOLDIERS POINTED THEIR WEAPONS UP AT COMPOUND BUILDING TWO AS THEY PASSED. THEY THEN WALKED SOUTH, UP ONTO THE OVERPASS, AND CONTINUED EAST TOWARD THE CITIC BUILDING.

14. ROUNDING UP DISSIDENTS

WE HAVE FRAGMENTARY EVIDENCE THAT THE AUTHORITIES ARE SWEEPING THE BACK ALLEYWAYS TO QUIETLY PICK UP INDIVIDUALS FOR QUESTIONING AND POSSIBLY ARREST. TODAY A CONTACT TOLD POLOFF OF THE DISAPPEARANCE OF TWO INTELLECTUALS.

SHANGHAI SITUATION

15. IN AN 0900 HOURS LOCAL TELEPHONE CALL, CG SYLVESTER SAID THAT THE EVACUATION FROM SHANGHAI WAS CONFIDENTIAL
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GOING SMOOTHLY AND THAT THE CITY'S U.S. CITIZENS AND CONSULATE DEPENDENTS WOULD SOON BE AT THE AIRPORT WAITING FOR THE UNITED FLIGHT.

16. STREETS WERE CALM THIS MORNING. FEWER BARRICADES WERE UP, BUT PUBLIC TRANSPORT WAS STILL NON-EXISTENT. SHANGHAI NEWSPAPERS ON JUNE 7 STATED THAT SHANGHAI FACTORIES WERE REPORTING A 50 PERCENT ABSENTEE RATE. CG SYLVESTER SAID THAT HE THOUGHT THAT THOSE WORKERS WHO DO REPORT FOR WORK ARE NOT DOING MUCH. THERE IS SOME TALK OF A STRIKE, BUT NOTHING SOLID SO FAR.

17. A COUPLE OF INTELLECTUAL CONTACTS WITH WHOM SYLVESTER HAS SPOKEN ARE GLOOMY ABOUT THE FUTURE. THEY BELIEVE THE ONLY HOPE IS FOR ZHAO'S RETURN, ALONG WITH MORE RATIONAL MILITARY LEADERSHIP. THIS IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY, ACCORDING TO THE CONTACTS.

CHANGCHUN SITUATION

18. [REDACTED] IN CHANGCHUN, THE CAPITAL OF JILIN PROVINCE, CALLED EMBOFF JUNE 8 TO REPORT THAT SOME THIRTY THOUSAND WORKERS HELD A DEMONSTRATION THE NIGHT OF JUNE 7. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE CITY'S MAIN TEXTILE MILL AND THE NUMBER ONE AUTOMOBILE

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FACTORY WERE BOTH ON STRIKE ON JUNE 8.

ALLEGED CHENGDU INCIDENT

19. U.S. MEDIA APPARENTLY REPORTED AN ALLEGED INCIDENT IN THE LAST COUPLE OF DAYS IN WHICH AN AMERICAN CITIZEN CLAIMED TO HAVE BEEN TURNED AWAY FROM THE U.S. CONSULATE IN CHENGDU. CONSUL GENERAL DE WILDE REPORTS THAT THERE IS NO TRUTH TO THIS

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STORY AND HE AND OTHER CONSULATE PERSONNEL ARE
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CONSULATE, IN SPITE OF RECENT RIOTS, HAS BEEN
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DAYS.

SITUATION IN CHENGDU

20. CONSULATE GENERAL CHENGDU REPORTED THAT THE CITY WAS QUIET AS OF 1130. THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF TROOPS OR DISTURBANCES. U.S. PERSONNEL [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HAVE DEPARTED CHINA.

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21. THE AMBASSADOR WAS ON HAND TO BID FAREWELL TO DEPARTING DEPENDENTS AND OTHER AMERICANS AS THE UA CHARTER FLIGHT LEFT TODAY. USIS TAPED HIS REMARKS AND PASSED TAPE TO 4 NETS AND VOA. IN FRONT OF THE TERMINAL AND INSIDE IT AT THE MAKESHIFT UA "AMERICAN EMBASSY CHARTER" COUNTER, HE GAVE THREE INTERVIEWS TO TV NETWORKS, RADIO AND PRINT CORRESPONDENTS, TOTALING ABOUT 25 MINUTES. THESE DEALT WITH FACTS OF THE EVACUATION AND EFFORTS MADE BY ACS PERSONNEL AND OTHER EMBASSY OFFICERS TO ASSIST AMCITS. THE AMBASSADOR BASED HIS REMARKS ON A USIS FACT SHEET (SEPTEL). THERE WERE INEVITABLE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE MILITARY AND POLITICAL SITUATIONS--THESE GOT LOW-KEY RESPONSES. FULL TRANSCRIPTION OF THE 3 INTERVIEWS
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